

STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA) BEFORE THE STATE ETHICS COMMISSION
COUNTY OF RICHLAND)
In the Matter of:)
COMPLAINT C2012-074)
Joseph M. Bustos, Jr.,)
Complainant,)
vs.) **CONSENT ORDER**
Kenneth T. Glasson,)
Respondent.)

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This matter comes before the State Ethics Commission by virtue of a complaint filed by the Complainant, Joseph M. Bustos, Jr., on February 7, 2012. The complaint against the Respondent, Kenneth T. Glasson, was considered by the Commission on May 16, 2012 and probable cause found to warrant an evidentiary hearing.

Prior to the call of the case, Kenneth T. Glasson agreed to entry of the following statement of facts, conclusions of law, admission, and disposition in this matter as follows.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

1. The Respondent, Kenneth T. Glasson, was a candidate for Mount Pleasant Town Council in an election held on November 8, 2011.

2. Respondent purchased food and gas with his campaign funds. Respondent asserted that he did not fully understand the law pertaining to the use of campaign funds for these purposes. Respondent has reimbursed his campaign account for said purchases and made the appropriate amendment for reimbursement of mileage and not fuel.

3. Respondent received a campaign contribution in June 2011, but did not deposit

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open the campaign account, nor deposit the contribution in the time limit imposed. Respondent stated this was an administrative misunderstanding between he and his campaign treasurer.

CONCLUSIONS OF LAW

Based upon the foregoing Statement of Facts, the Commission concludes, as a matter of law:

1. During all times relevant, the Respondent, Kenneth T. Glasson, was a candidate as defined by Section 8-13-1300(4).

2. The State Ethics Commission has personal and subject matter jurisdiction.

3. Section 8 13 1312 provides that a candidate must open a separate campaign checking account and must deposit a campaign check into the account within ten days of receipt of the check.

4. Section 8-13-1348(A) provides:

No candidate ... may use campaign funds to defray personal expenses which are unrelated to the campaign or the office if the candidate is an officeholder nor may these funds be converted to personal use. The prohibition of this subsection does not extend to the incidental personal use of campaign materials or equipment nor to an expenditure used to defray any ordinary expenses incurred in connection with an individual's duties as a holder of elective office.

DISCUSSION

I appreciate the South Carolina Ethic Commission's thorough clarification process and I am happy to agree to the Commission's administrative adjustment. I am so very grateful to have the opportunity to serve on the Mt. Pleasant Town Council and I look forward to continuing to serve the people of this great town.

ADMISSIONS

The Respondent, Kenneth T. Glasson, admits he violated Sections 8-13-1312 and 8-13-1348(A) of the Ethics Reform Act in failing to maintain accurate campaign records at all times.

DISPOSITION

The State Ethics Commission hereby finds Kenneth T. Glasson in violation of Sections 8-13-1312 and 8-13-1348(A) of the Ethics Reform Act, and hereby adopts the Statement of Facts, Conclusions of Law, Admissions, and Disposition as agreed upon by Kenneth T. Glasson.

THEREFORE, the State Ethics Commission hereby issues this written warning to Kenneth T. Glasson for his violation of Sections 8-13-1312 and 8-13-1348(A),

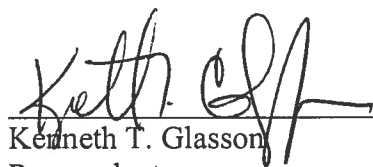
AND, orders that Kenneth T. Glasson be diligent in complying with the Campaign Practices of the Ethics Reform Act if he continues to be involved in future campaigns,

AND, orders Kenneth T. Glasson to pay an administrative fee of \$100.00 within thirty days of receipt of the signed order,

AND IT IS SO ORDERED THIS 17th DAY OF July 2012.

STATE ETHICS COMMISSION


PHILLIP FLORENCE, JR.
CHAIR


Kenneth T. Glasson
Respondent